

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence E. Ashery, Reg. No. 34,515
Attorney for Applicants

LEA/dlm

Attachment: Abstract

Dated: December 28, 2004

P.O. Box 980
Valley Forge, PA 19482
(610) 407-0700

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby
authorized to charge payment to Deposit
Account No. **18-0350** of any fees associated
with this communication.

EXPRESS MAIL

Mailing Label Number:
Date of Deposit:

EV 532972831 US
December 28, 2004

I hereby certify that this paper and fee are being deposited, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 and with sufficient postage, using the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service on the date indicated above and that the deposit is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Kathleen Libby

DLM_I:\MAT\8645US\PRELIM_AMEND.DOC